



Rate of Ohio adults without health insurance drops

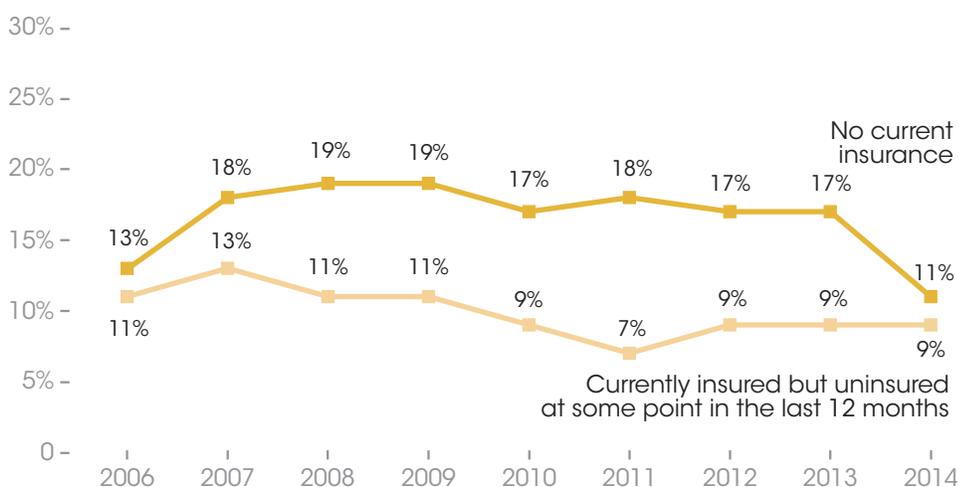
Having health insurance is an important factor in being able to get needed healthcare. Each year, the **Ohio Health Issues Poll (OHIP)** asks about health insurance coverage to learn about Ohio adults' insurance status. Because nearly all Ohioans ages 65 and older (99%) are insured, this summary focuses on Ohioans ages 18-64.

Uninsured rate drops to 11%, lowest in poll history

Slightly more than 1 in 10 Ohio adults (11%) did not have health insurance at the time of OHIP. This translates to nearly 800,000 uninsured Ohio adults. The uninsured rate dropped significantly in 2014 for the first time since OHIP began in 2006. It had been stable between 17% and 19% since 2007. In 2006, the percentage of uninsured adults was 13%.

National surveys have also found that the percentage of uninsured adults decreased significantly in 2014. The decline coincided with the implementation of the major coverage and enrollment

Percentage of Ohio adults ages 18-64 who were uninsured currently or at any time in the last 12 months



components of the Affordable Care Act.¹

OHIP respondents who purchased insurance on their own were asked “Did you get health insurance as a result of the healthcare law, or for some other reason?” One in 10 (10%) said they obtained insurance as a result of the healthcare law.

¹ Polls include Gallup, www.gallup.com/poll/172403/uninsured-rate-sinks-second-quarter.aspx, and the Commonwealth Fund, www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/issue-briefs/2014/jul/health-coverage-access-aca.

Number of uninsured at some point in last year is stable

The stability of health insurance coverage is also a factor in access to healthcare. A measure of stability is whether a person has been covered continuously for the past 12 months. About 1 in 10 Ohioans ages 18-64 (9%) who were insured at the time of OHIP had been uninsured at some point in the previous 12 months.

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Certain groups are more likely to experience insurance instability. Almost 4 in 10 adults (39%) living at or below 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL²), African Americans (29%) and adults with less than a high school education (31%) were uninsured currently or at some point in the past year. The percentage of adults who were uninsured currently or in the past year dropped significantly for all three groups.

² In 2013, 138% FPL was an annual household income of \$32,500 for a family of four.

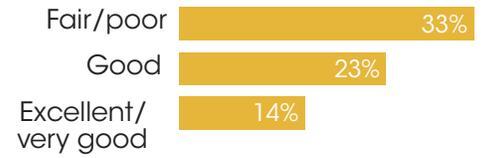
Healthier adults less likely to be uninsured

There is a strong connection between adults' self-reported health status³ and whether they have health insurance.

Healthier adults were less likely to have been uninsured at any point in the past year. Slightly more than 1 in 10 adults (14%) who reported excellent or very good health were uninsured currently or at some point

³ OHIP asked "Would you say that in general your health is excellent, very good, good, fair or poor?"

Health status of Ohio adults currently uninsured or uninsured at some point in the last 12 months (ages 18-64)



in the last year. By comparison, more than 3 in 10 adults (33%) who reported fair or poor health were uninsured currently or at some point in the past year. These numbers also dropped in 2014.